



Air Pollution Control Board

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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

FOR DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NEW RULE 55 - FUGITIVE DUST CONTROL

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) will hold a public meeting to consider comments concerning proposed new Rule 55 – Fugitive Dust Control. Comments may be submitted in writing before, or made at, the workshop, which is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2009
TIME: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: San Diego Air Pollution Control District
Main Conference Room
10124 Old Grove Road
San Diego, CA 92131

San Diego County does not meet the State Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter. A 2003 State law (Senate Bill 656) requires the District to adopt additional requirements to control particulate matter pollution after reviewing a statewide list of the most readily available, feasible, and cost-effective control measures being implemented by any California air district. In 2005, the District evaluated the statewide list of such measures and determined that most of them are already being implemented in San Diego County. However, the District does not yet have a rule to control fugitive dust emissions from construction sites, which are a substantial source of directly emitted particulate matter in San Diego County.

Proposed new Rule 55 fulfills the District's commitment to adopt fugitive dust control measures addressing construction and demolition projects. The rule was designed to complement and be consistent with existing fugitive dust regulations in the California Vehicle Code and storm water pollution prevention standards established by water agencies.

The rule does not require specific mitigation measures, with the exception of preventing track-out/carry-out onto public roads. The selection of measures to prevent or minimize fugitive dust emissions within the subject property is left to the discretion of the project owner or operator. Specifically, the proposed new rule will:

- Prohibit visible dust emissions from crossing the project boundary onto neighboring properties for more than an aggregate of three minutes during any 60 minute period.

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- Require that visible roadway dust as a result of active operations, spillage from transport trucks, and erosion of soil or track-out/carry-out of mud, dust, and other materials onto a public roadway must be:
 1. Minimized by the use of any of the following track-out/carry-out and erosion control measures that apply to the project or operation: track-out grates or gravel beds at each egress point, wheel-washing at each egress point during muddy conditions, soil binders, chemical soil stabilizers, geotextiles, mulching, or seeding.
 2. Removed at the end of each workday, or each 24 hours if a continuous operation. If a street sweeper is used, it must be a make and model certified to meet South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1186 requirements for efficient dust suppression and collection. Certified sweepers are listed on SCAQMD's web site at <http://www.aqmd.gov/rules/doc/r1186/r1186 equip.pdf>.
- Specify applicability of and exemptions from the rule.
- Provide definitions of the major terms included in the rule.

If you would like a copy of proposed new Rule 55, please access the District's website at www.sdacpd.org under Rules and Regulations, Public Workshop, or call Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712. If you have any questions concerning the proposal, please contact Andy Hamilton at (858) 586-2641 or Robert Reider at (858) 586-2640.



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